

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on January 16, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Pat Connell (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 69, 1/11/2017

00:00:01 Chairman Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 69**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:13 Sen. Mary Moe (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 69. Create task force to study public employee health benefits.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:22 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association  
00:05:58 Andrew William Holmlund, Montana United School Trust (MSSF)  
00:07:18 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana  
00:09:23 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association and the Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA/MFT)

**EXHIBIT(bus11a01)**

00:14:32 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)  
00:17:10 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association  
00:18:53 Bill Lombardi, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)  
00:21:38 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition  
00:23:14 Quint Nyman, Montana Public Employees Association  
00:24:07 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials  
00:24:57 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:27:53 Sen. Brown  
00:29:36 Mr. Blattie, MACo  
00:30:16 Sen. Brown  
00:32:37 Mr. Vogel, MTSBA  
00:32:46 Sen. Connell  
00:35:01 Mr. Lombardy, BCBSMT  
00:35:54 Sen. Connell  
00:36:49 Sen. Moe  
00:37:12 Sen. Facey  
00:40:00 Mr. Blattie  
00:40:26 Sen. Facey  
00:40:55 Mr. Holmlund, MSSF  
00:41:27 Sen. Facey  
00:43:09 Sen. Moe  
00:43:25 Sen. Facey  
00:44:08 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division  
00:44:35 Chairman Buttrey

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00:45:32 Sen. Facey  
00:45:59 Ms. Fladmo, MEA/MFT  
00:46:31 Sen. Salomon  
00:48:14 Sen. Moe  
00:48:24 Chairman Buttrey  
00:48:54 Sen. Moe  
00:49:20 Chairman Buttrey  
00:49:24 Sen. Facey  
00:49:44 Chairman Buttrey  
00:51:09 Mr. Vogel  
00:51:19 Chairman Buttrey  
00:51:29 Ms. Fladmo

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:52:09 Sen. Moe  
00:53:18 Chairman Buttrey

**Committee Business:**

00:53:36 Chairman Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:53 AM

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([bus11aad.pdf](#))